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[54] **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
FACILITATING VISUAL CONNECTIONS
BETWEEN OBJECTS USING HANDLES**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Objects are provided with handles representing the most frequently used events and actions for that particular object. Each handle has a label indicating the name of the event or action it represents. The functions of the objects can be connected together using these handles. In addition, tile events and actions that are shown as handles can be changed by selecting them from a list. The display of the handles and/or labels can be turned off if desired.

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